GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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PROTECTION OF RHINOS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rhinos in African countries have been dehorned to deter the poachers from killing the rhinos and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to remove the horns of the rhinos in the country to protect them from being killed by poachers for their horns; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) The Ministry does not have any information about dehorning of rhinos in African countries to deter the poachers from killing them.

(b) and (c) The Ministry does not have any proposal to remove the horns of the rhinos to protect them from being killed by poachers for their horns.